

PRESIDENT: The amendment to the amendments is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hannibal would move to amend the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, members, I'd like to withdraw that amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to amend the committee amendments, Senator Withem and Lowell Johnson. (Amendment appears on page 1019 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President and members of the body, this amendment is offered by Senator Johnson and I who have constituents in our district who offer weight control classes through one of the well recognized programs offered in the United States. What this amendment does, I think you have it on your desk, it has both Senator Johnson's and my initials on it, on page 9 of the Standing Committee amendments we are inserting a new section which states that any person, this does not...that this bill, the intent of this would be to state that any person offers a weight control class and services, if the classes and services have been developed with the assistance of and approved by a dietitian or a physician who are licensed in this state and the classes and services are provided in accordance with the program developed and approved by the dietitian or physician. What this does, it excludes from the licensure the weight loss programs as long as they are developed through registered dietitians or physicians. I know Senator Hannibal indicates...had offered to work with these folks and has done so in very good faith and the term "weight loss program" is offered as an exclusion. It was felt by the attorneys that represent the weight control classes that we're referring to that this more specific language would be preferable, so we're offering that amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak on the amendment?